

Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~ reconciliating system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said seller terminal ~~claiming means further~~ includes an estimate input device usable by the seller to input ~~means for inputting~~ an estimate ~~by the supplier in response to an~~ estimate ~~accordance with a request for an estimate~~ from the buyer for a product ~~the products~~ or service ~~services~~ to be supplied, and

said seller terminal ~~third data processing means~~ creates estimate data based on the estimate ~~input~~, and sends the estimate data ~~created to~~ said buyer terminal ~~said paying means via~~ ~~said third communicating means~~, and

said buyer terminal ~~first data processing means of said paying means~~ receives the estimate data ~~via said first communicating means~~, and creates the purchase request ~~accounting~~ application data based on the received estimate data ~~received~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~ reconciliating system as set forth in claim 2, wherein:

said buyer terminal ~~paying means further~~ includes a display ~~means~~ for displaying content of the received estimate data ~~received~~, and an input operating device usable by ~~means for~~ allowing the buyer to accept ~~make an acceptance operation of~~ the content of the displayed estimate data ~~displayed~~, and

said buyer terminal ~~first data processing means~~ creates the purchase request ~~accounting~~ application data upon acceptance of the content of the estimate data ~~by said operating means~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 3, wherein:

the estimate data contains information which specifies first and second ~~a usual~~ payment
methods ~~method of the counter value in said accounting and account reconciliating system and~~
~~an alternate payment method in replacement of the usual payment method, and~~

said buyer terminal prompts ~~first data processing means of said paying means~~ asks the
buyer via said display means to confirm that the second ~~whether to make payment of the counter~~
~~value by the alternate payment method may be used if the first~~ ~~in case where payment of the~~
~~counter value by the usual payment method fails due to system failure.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said buyer terminal ~~paying means further~~ includes an input device usable by the buyer to
input ~~information setting means for setting at least one~~ information which relates to one or more
of an effective period of the purchase request data ~~accounting application~~, delivery date of the
product ~~products~~ or service ~~services~~, delivery method of the product ~~products~~ or service ~~services~~,
possibility of separate delivery, and due date of payment from a bank, and

said buyer terminal ~~incorporates the input~~ ~~first data processing means~~ contains
information ~~set by said information setting means~~ in the purchase request ~~accounting application~~
data.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said reconciliation unit ~~changes~~ ~~reconciliating means further~~ includes condition setting
means for setting or changing the purchase transaction conditions included in the purchase
request data ~~of products or services and purchase conditions of the acknowledgement data~~, and

said reconciliation unit ~~includes~~ ~~second data processing means~~ contains the changed
purchase transaction conditions ~~and the purchase conditions set by said condition setting means~~
in the credit data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 6, wherein:

the purchase transaction conditions comprise ~~contain~~ information which relates to
delivery date of the product ~~products~~ or service ~~services~~, delivery method, and possibility of
separate delivery.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 6, wherein:

the purchase transaction conditions comprise ~~of the acknowledgement data contain~~
information of a purchase price of the product or service ~~of the acknowledgement data~~.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 6, wherein:

said reconciliation unit ~~reconciliating means~~ further comprises ~~includes~~ memory ~~means~~
for storing ~~the transaction conditions and~~ the purchase transaction conditions ~~of the~~
~~acknowledgement data, and~~

said reconciliation unit sends the payment to the seller terminal ~~second data processing~~
~~means purchases the acknowledgement data~~ when the supplied content of the product ~~products~~
or service ~~services~~ included in the acknowledgement data satisfies the purchase transaction
conditions stored in said memory ~~means~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation ~~account~~
~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said seller terminal ~~claiming means~~ further includes an input device usable by the seller
~~confirming means for asking the supplier to confirm as to~~ content of the credit data received
from said reconciliation unit ~~reconciliating means~~, and

said seller terminal ~~third data processing means~~ destroys the credit data, terminates
supply of the product ~~products~~ or service ~~services~~, and changes the purchase transaction
conditions ~~for said reconciliating means and said paying means~~ when there is no confirmation by

~~acceptance of the seller supplier from said confirming means~~ with regard to the content of the credit data.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation account ~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said seller terminal ~~third data processing means of said claiming means~~ creates delivery list data based on content of the credit data, and sends the delivery list data ~~created to~~ said buyer terminal ~~paying means via said third communicating means~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation account ~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the acknowledgement data contains information which relates to ~~as to~~ whether the product ~~products~~ or service ~~services~~ listed in the delivery list data has ~~have~~ been supplied to the buyer.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation account ~~reconciliating~~ system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said seller terminal ~~third data processing means of said claiming means~~ sends receipt data which corresponds to a receipt to said reconciliation unit ~~reconciliating means via said third communicating means~~ when the payment data is received ~~acknowledgement data was purchased by said reconciliating means~~, and

said reconciliation unit ~~second data processing means of said reconciliating means~~ bills the buyer for the payment of the counter value for the product ~~supplied products~~ or service ~~services~~ after receiving the receipt data which corresponds to a receipt via said second communicating means.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The accounting and account reconciling system as set forth in claim 20 ~~1~~, wherein:

said reconciliation unit ~~second data processing means of said reconciliating means~~ uses the same credit data ~~if in case where~~ the buyer and the seller ~~supplier~~ remain unchanged and when the same purchase transaction is repeated.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The accounting and reconciliation account reconciling system as set forth in claim 20 1, wherein said buyer terminal comprises paying means is a cellular phone.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An accounting and reconciliation account reconciling method for a system which includes:

a buyer terminal for a buyer paying means including first communicating means for establishing communications, said paying means for applying for accounting in transactions between a buyer and a supplier;

a reconciliation unit reconciling means including second communicating means for establishing communications, said reconciling means for arbitrating account reconciliation in the transactions; and

a seller terminal for a seller claiming means including third communicating means for establishing communications, said claiming means for claiming a counter value in the transactions,

said accounting and reconciliation account reconciling method for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller carrying out accounting and account reconciliation by communications between said paying means, said reconciling means, and said claiming means, and comprising the steps of:

(1) creating in said buyer terminal purchase request data paying means accounting application data for applying for accounting and account reconciliation for a product products or service services ordered by the buyer to the supplier, and sending the purchase request accounting application data to said reconciliation unit reconciling means via said first communicating means;

(2) creating in said reconciliation unit reconciling means electronic credit data based on the purchase request accounting application data sent from said buyer terminal paying means, and sending the electronic credit data created to said seller terminal claiming means from said second communicating means, said electronic credit data guaranteeing for guarantee of account reconciliation by said reconciliation unit reconciling means for the product supplied products

or service supplied by the seller services and comprising containing information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for of the product products or service services;

(3) creating in said seller terminal claiming means electronic record data which satisfies the purchase transaction conditions specified by the electronic credit data sent from said reconciliation unit reconciliating means, and sending the electronic record data created to said reconciliation unit reconciliating means via said third communicating means; and

(4) receiving purchasing in said reconciliation unit reconciliating means the electronic record data from said seller terminal claiming means, and thereafter billing the buyer for the payment for the product or service of the counter value so as to redeem money upon confirmation that the electronic record data sent from said seller terminal claiming means satisfies the purchase transaction conditions contained in the electronic credit data.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An account reconciliation reconciliating server which guarantees account reconciliation in purchase transactions between a buyer paying means which creates accounting application data for applying for accounting with respect to products or services ordered by a buyer to a supplier and a seller of a product or service claiming means by which the supplier claims a counter value,

said account reconciliation reconciliating server comprising:

a communicating circuit means for establishing communications with each of a buyer terminal of the buyer said paying means and a seller terminal of the seller said claiming means;

credit data creating means for creating, based on purchase request the accounting application data received from the buyer terminal, credit data including information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for of the product products or service services, and sending the credit data created to said seller terminal claiming means, said credit data guaranteeing for guarantee of account reconciliation for of the product products or service services supplied;

delivery list creating means for creating and sending to said buyer terminal which when received from the supplier products or services which are based on content of the credit data and when the content satisfies the transaction conditions in the credit data, pays a counter value of the products or services to the claiming means, and creates delivery list data relating to delivery

of the product or service when the product or service is received from the seller which indicates supply content of the products or services, and sends the delivery list data created to said paying means; and

counter value claiming means which, when received from said paying means acceptance data for the delivery list data is received from the buyer terminal, causes the supplies the product products or service to be delivered services supplied by the supplier to the buyer, and sends a claim to elaims the buyer for payment for a counter value of the product products or service services so as to redeem the counter value.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An account reconciliation reconciliating server which guarantees account reconciliation in a purchase transaction transactions between paying means which creates accounting application data for applying for accounting with respect to products or services ordered by a buyer and to a seller of a product or service supplier and elaiming means by which the supplier claims a counter value,

said account reconciliation reconciliating server comprising:

a communicating circuit means for establishing communications with each of a buyer terminal for the buyer said paying means and a seller terminal for the seller said elaiming means;

credit data creating means for creating, based on purchase request data for the product or service supplied from the buyer terminal the accounting application data received, credit data including information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for of the product products or service services, and sending the credit data created to said seller terminal elaiming means, said credit data guaranteeing payment to the seller for the supplying for guarantee of account reconciliation of the product products or service services supplied; and

counter value claiming means for, when received acknowledgement data is received via said seller terminal elaiming means, sending payment data to for purchasing the acknowledgement data upon confirmation of its content, and paying said seller terminal elaiming means a counter value for the product supplied products or service services, while billing the buyer for the payment for the product or service of the counter value so as to redeem money, said

acknowledgement data being issued by said buyer terminal ~~paying means~~ when the buyer receives from the seller the product ~~supplier products~~ or service services which ~~is~~ are based on content of the credit data and when the content satisfies the purchase transaction conditions in the credit data.

Claim 20 (New): An accounting and reconciliation system comprising:

a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service;

a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service;

a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal, the reconciliation unit comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal; and

a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal, and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after receiving acknowledgment data indicative of the buyer's acknowledgment of receipt of the product or service.

Claim 21 (New): An accounting and reconciliation system comprising:

a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service;

a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, receiving delivery list data relating to delivery of the product or service, and sending acceptance data in response to the delivery list data; and

a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal to the reconciliation unit, the reconciliation unit comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal; and

a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after the product or service is supplied from the seller.

Claim 22 (New): A reconciliation unit for an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service, and a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending purchase request data containing purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, wherein the reconciliation unit mediates a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal, the reconciliation unit comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal; and

a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after receiving acknowledgment data indicative of the buyer's acknowledgment of receipt of the product or service.

Claim 23 (New): A reconciliation unit for an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service, and a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, receiving delivery list data relating to delivery of the product or service, and sending

acceptance data in response to the delivery list data, wherein the reconciliation unit mediates a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal, the reconciliation unit comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal; and

a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal, and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after the product or service is supplied from the seller.

Claim 24 (New): A buyer terminal for a buyer for use in an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service, and a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving purchase request data, the reconciliation unit comprising communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal, and a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after receiving acknowledgment data indicative of the buyer's acknowledgment of receipt of the product or service, the buyer terminal comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the seller terminal and the reconciliation unit;

one or more input devices;

a processing system for sending the purchase request data to the reconciliation unit, the purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, and for sending the acknowledgement of receipt of the product or service to the reconciliation unit in response an input by the buyer using the one or more input devices.

Claim 25 (New): A seller terminal for a seller for use in an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending

purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for a product or service, and a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal, the reconciliation unit comprising communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal, and a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending credit data guaranteeing payment for the product or service and for sending payment data for the product or service after receiving acknowledgment data indicative of the buyer's acknowledgment of receipt of the product or service, the seller terminal comprising:

- communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the reconciliation unit; and

- a processing system for receiving the credit data and the payment data from the reconciliation unit.

Claim 26 (New): A buyer terminal for a buyer for use in an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a seller terminal for a seller, the seller terminal receiving credit data guaranteeing payment for a product or service, and receiving payment data for the product or service, and a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving purchase request data, the reconciliation unit comprising communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal, and a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending the credit data to the seller terminal and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after the product or service is supplied from the seller, the buyer terminal comprising:

- communication circuitry for communicating with the seller terminal and the reconciliation unit;

- one or more input devices;

- a processing system for sending the purchase request data to the reconciliation unit, the purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, for receiving delivery list data relating to

delivery of the product or service, and for sending acceptance data input using the one or more input devices in response to the delivery list data.

Claim 27 (New): A seller terminal for a seller for use in an accounting and reconciliation system comprising a buyer terminal for a buyer, the buyer terminal sending purchase request data including purchase transaction information which specifies purchase transaction conditions for the product or service, receiving delivery list data relating to delivery of the product or service, and sending acceptance data in response to the delivery list data, and a reconciliation unit for mediating a purchase transaction between the buyer and the seller in response to receiving the purchase request data sent from the buyer terminal, the reconciliation unit comprising communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the seller terminal and a processing system responsive to the purchase request data for sending credit data to the seller terminal and for sending the payment data to the seller terminal after the product or service is supplied from the seller, the seller terminal comprising:

communication circuitry for communicating with the buyer terminal and the reconciliation unit; and

a processing system for receiving the credit data and the payment data from the reconciliation unit.

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Amendment to the Title:

Please change the title of the application to the following:

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